

2021 Innovation and Translational Research Awards Competition Guidelines

Innovation and Translational Research Award is to support innovative research led by health care professionals and researchers at Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health Care.

Purpose

The Innovation and Translational Research Award funds **innovative research** leading to:

- Impact on patient care at VCH and/or PHC
- Savings for the health system at VCH and/or PHC
- Medical device and/or a commercial opportunity

Funding Partners

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute partners with VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and Providence Health Care Research Institute.

Deadlines

Registration is mandatory for this competition.

Registration deadline: Monday October 26, 2020 by 4:00pm (PST)

- Online submission: <https://www.vchri.ca/innovation-and-translational-research-awards-letter-intent-form>

Grant development 1-on-1 session (20 minutes, recommended) – Thursday November 26, 2020

Register here: <http://www.vchri.ca/innovation-and-translational-research-awards-grants-crafting-guidance>

Application submission deadline: Monday January 18, 2020 by 4:00pm (PST).

Eligibility

Awards are open to both VCH and PHC clinicians and/or researchers involved with patient care and/or research.

Principal Investigator eligibility (must meet all 3 criteria):

- Hold a PhD or a MD and/or be a VCH or PHC health care professional
**Note: Medical residents, research associates, post-doctoral fellows, clinical/research fellows, and research scientists are not eligible for this competition
- Conduct most of your work at one or more VCH or PHC site(s).
**Note: If you are working at Lions Gate Hospital or Richmond Hospital, your project is eligible, subject to funding restrictions.
**Note: if you are not currently practicing at one of these sites, you must include a letter from the relevant VCH or PHC Clinical Head and/or UBC Department Head, confirming you will be working at a VCH or PHC site by July 1, 2021.
**Note: Casual employees are not eligible to apply
- Does not hold a currently funded VCHRI or PHCRI operating grant
NOTE: If you are a PHC physician or health care professional, only projects in collaboration with VCH are eligible for this award

Co-Investigators: Co-investigators could include other individuals as appropriate for the particular project being proposed. There is no set number of co-investigators for a project. It is expected that individuals listed as co-investigators will also contribute to the intellectual content of the research project.

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Funding and Eligible Expenses

- Proposals will be considered for a maximum of \$75,000.00
- The maximum budget amount does not include in-kind contributions e.g. staff support, use of space and other resources etc.
- Projects must be able to be completed within two years of receiving the funds. Unused funds are to be returned to VCHRI or PHCRI, depending on which organization is funding your project.
- Awards are non-renewable.
- An applicant can only hold one VCHRI or PHCRI operating grant at a time.

Eligible expenses:

Compensation Related Expenses

- VCH or PHC health care professionals: release time **is an eligible** expense within the budget, to a maximum of 50% of the total budget. Note: All potential release time arrangements must be approved by your supervisor/ manager before submission.
Exception: if you currently hold a VCHRI or PHCRI salary award, you cannot request additional release time
- Research Staff salaries

Services and supplies

- Research services and supplies

Ineligible expenses:

Travel costs are not eligible

Research equipment costs are not eligible

Patient engagement and/or compensation costs are not eligible

Review and Evaluation Process

Review Committee

The selection committee's review and discussion will focus on how your project meets the following criteria:

- Have impact on patient care at VCH and/or PHC
- Provide savings for the health system at VCH and/or PHC
- **IF** your project is a commercial opportunity, outline the implementation plan including letters of support from stakeholders and/or partners (appendices)
- The applicant/team's research experience and productivity including the appropriateness of each team member and their role(s),
- The applicant/team's research environment, collaborations, commitment to research including their amount of protected time for research, research potential, and departmental support (both clinical and academic),
- The rigour of the research proposal, including the importance and applicability of the project to the provision of healthcare/service at VCH; feasibility of the project within the timeframe/budget.
- The implementation/business plan, including letters of support from stakeholders/partners

Full Application Details

Applications must include the following sections:

1. Grant Cover Sheet (required)
2. Program/Dept Manager Statement of Support (required for all VCH or PHC health care professional PI)
3. Research Module (required)
4. Research Proposal (required – 4 page maximum)
5. Biographical Sketch (required for PI and all Co-investigators)
6. Appendices (optional)

Applications

Information: <http://www.vchri.ca/services/funding-opportunities/innovation-and-translational-research-awards>

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Approvals

Notification of awards will occur in spring 2021. Funding will be made available as of July 1, 2021. After July 1, 2021, funds will be released to the successful applicants as soon as the required ethics and VCH and/or PHC approvals have been obtained. Applicants are urged to request ethics approval as soon as they have received notice of funding, since projects must be initiated before December 31, 2021. **Funding will not be available after this date.**

Outcomes and Reporting

A final project report is required at the end of the grant. VCHRI and its partners use these project reports to publicize research activities and to evaluate the impact of the program. VCHRI may request periodic financial statements with approved signatory from your employer for auditing purposes.

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